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SUBJECT: WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

1. PSYCHOLOGICAL: PUBLIC ATTENTION IN JAPAN OVER THE PAST WEEK FOCUSSED ON THE FORMATION OF THE FUKUDA CABINET AND REPORTS FROM WASHINGTON ON WHAT THE TOTAL BILL FOR JAPAN MIGHT BE FOR FISHING FEES LEVIED BY THE U.S. UNDER THE 200-MILE CONSERVATION LAW. THIS SPARKED A NEW ROUND OF UNHAPPY MEDIA COMMENTARY,, MAINLY TO THE EFFECT THAT THIS WILL SERIOUSLY HURT JAPAN'S ENTI E FISHING

INDUSTRY AND OE FATAL TO SMALL FISHING COMPANIES.

2. PROGRAM: AUTHOR ALEX HALEY ADDRESSED FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS CLUB LUNCHEON FOR 90 MINUTES, DISCUSSING HOW HE WROTE HIS BOOK "ROOTS," AND ANSWERING QUESTIONS ABOUT ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR U.S. SOCIETY. HALEY'S AFTERNOON INTERVIEW WITT NHK (JAPANEE NATIONAL TELEVISION) WILL BE TELECAST IN EARLY JANUARY ON PRIME TIME EVENING NEWS PROGRAM. THIRTY-COLUMN INCH ARTICLE ON HALEY'S INTERVIEW WITH FORMER FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR TOKUOKA TAKAO APPEARED UNCLASSIFIED

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IN MAINICHI SHIMBUN WITH PHOTO DEC. 30 AND IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE MAINICHI DAILY NEWS. DISCUSSONS PORTRAYED PLURALISTIC U.S. SOCIETY AND ITS IMMIGRANT BEGINNINGS. DURING DINNER WITH SEVERAL JAPANESE SPECIALISTS IN AMHISTORY/LITT AT DPAO RESIDENCE, HALEY RESPONDED TO QUESTIONS ON NUMBER OF BLACKS IN NEW ADMINISTRATION AND OPINED THAT CARTER UNDERSTANDS RACE ISSUE AND WOULD MAKE

REAL PROGRESS IN THAT DIRECTION.
3. OTHERWISE IT WAS A QUIET WEEK. HAPPY NEW YEAR. MILLER
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